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AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL REJECTIONCommissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C.

SIR:

In response to the Final Rejection mailed August 27, 2002, and further in response to the Advisory Action of December 18, 2002, and the Examiner interview of March 5, 2003, please amend the above identified application as follows.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 3, 4 and 8 without prejudice or disclaimer.

A complete listing of all claims is provided herewith in **Attachment A**. It will be noted that claims 1, 5, 6 and 9-11 are currently amended, and new claim 13 has been added.

REMARKS

Claims 1, 5, 6, 7 and 8-12 stand pending in the present application. By this Amendment, Applicants have amended claims 1, 5, 6 and 9-11 and added new claim 13. Applicants respectfully submit that upon entrance of the present amendment, the present application will be placed in condition for allowance for the reasons as set forth below.